जैसी बुनियादी सुविधाएं प्रदान की जायेंगी ताकि उद्योगों को इन केन्द्रों की ओर आकृष्ट किया जा सके ।

(ख) से (घ) विकास केन्द्र योजना के अधीन उत्तर प्रदेश को 8 विकास केन्द्र आबंटित किये गये हैं । बुलन्दशहर, इटावा, गोरखपुर, जौनपुर, झांसी, मुरादाबाद, पौड़ी गढ़वाल और शाहजहांपुर प्रत्येक जिले में एक विकास केन्द्र स्थापित किय जायेगा । इन विकास केन्द्रों को 8वीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान विकसित किया जायेगा । इन केन्द्रों को अब तक 3.5 करोड़ रुपये की केन्द्रीय सहायता जारी की गई है । राज्य सरकार ने अनुमोदित विकास केन्द्रों की परियोजनाओं को कार्यान्वित करना प्रारंभ कर दिया है ।

Foreign Investors buying Public Sector Shares

1445. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to allow foreign investors to buy public sector shares in the next round of disinvestment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Government appointed a Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. C. Rangarajan to suggest modalities for sale of PSE shares. The Committee has recommended, inter-alia, for allowing foreign investors also to purchase the PSU shares from the Government. The Government are yet to take a decision on the matter.

Factories posing serious fire hazards

1446. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report captioned "Lack of firm policy increases fire risk" which appeared in the Hindustan Times of June 2, 1993, revealing the hazards presented by mushrooming of factories, especially the foam plastics and rexin factories posing serious fire hazards in Delhi;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to identify such illegal factories and to effectively prevent the hazards; and

(c) whether it is a fact that these factors especially the foam manufacturing factories use an imported chemical, which catches fire and gives rise to fumes and gases a poisnous as the IMS which caused the Bhopal Gas leakage disaster?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to Delhi Administration, a survey has been conducted by MCD and they are taking action against illegal unauthorised factories. Municipal Corporation of Delhi has referred the cases of illegal unauthorised factories for disconnection of electricity in the Peeragarhi area to DESU.

(c) According to Delhi Administration, though the gases generated are harmful, as per the information available with the Department of Industries, Delhi, these cannot be compared with the highly poisonous Methyle Iso-Cyanate which caused the Bhopal disaster.

Foreign investment approvals

1447. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign investment approvals during the first four months of the calendar year 1993 registered a rise; if

so, what extent indicating comparative figures for 1991, 1992 and 1993;

(b) the comparative figures of foreign investment projects approved during January-June 1993, 1992 and 1991 and the foreign investment made or to be made thereunder; and

(c) how much of it was in the priority sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Details of foreign investment proposals and amount of investment approved during the first four months of the calender year 1993 and corresponding figures for the year 1991 and 1992 are given below:—

	No. of foreign investment approvals	Amount of foreign investment involved (Rs. in crores)
January—April, 1993	214	2970.99
Januaary—April, 1992	218	1004·35
January—April, 1991	61	68.22

(b) The comparative figures of foreign investment proposals and amount of investment approved during January-June 1993, 1992 and 1991 are given as under:

	Number	Amount
January—June, 1993	333	3951.96
January—June, 1992	317	1478.95
January—June, 1991	83	118.24

(c) Above 80 per cent of the investment approved during January-June 1993 is in the high priority sector (industries listed in Annex. III of the Statement on Industrial Policy, 1991).

Violation of safety norms in a rexin factory

1448. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at least nine persons were killed and several other injured when on Sunday May 30, 1993, fire broke out in a rexin factory illegally operating at Peeragarhi village, when a boiler exploded at around 9.15 a.m. that day;

(b) if so, the results of the inquiry into the causes of the accident;

(c) to what extent it was attributable to violation of safety norm and the rules laid down in this regard, including misuse of the premises; and